

Children's Department.

From Butler, Ind.

I am eight years old. I am going to school. My teacher's name is Maggie Woods. I like to go to school. We live three miles and a half north from St. Joe, and six miles south west from Butler, Ind. We have preaching every two weeks. My papa preaches every two weeks at our school-house. We would be glad to have some of the brethren stop off when they go through and preach for us a while.

Good-by.

Jan. 22. LEONARD C. KIZER.

From Montevallo, Mo.

This is my first letter to the EVANGELIST. I live on a farm. I go to school, my teacher's name is Miss Cora Sturmer. She is a good teacher. I live one mile from the school-house. I go to church at Walnut Grove. My father and mother and brother and two sisters belong to the Brethren church. My brother lives in California. I will ask a question. What two chapters in the Bible read alike? If this letter is published I will write again.

Jan. 26. WILLIE LEEDY.

From Wooster, O.

I will try to write another letter for the EVANGELIST. This is a very nice day. I was to Sunday-school to-day. The title of our lesson was Christ the Bread of Life. My mamma and papa belong to the Brethren church. I wish we lived where we could go to our meetings. Brother H. S. Jacobs is the pastor of our church. I like him for he is a very nice man. My friend Stella Koch and Sarah Atkins are going to write for the paper. I hope they will be printed. Well I will close for this time. Good-bye,

Jan. 20. ZORA GARVER.

From New Enterprise, Ind.

This is my first letter for the children's column; if you will accept this letter I will write again. I am ten years old. I go to school. My teacher's name is Ettie Tombaugh. She is also a minister in the Brethren church and I love to hear her preach. Our pastor's name is D. A. Hopkins. I think he is one of the best preachers I ever heard. He was here and preached for us two weeks, but did not get any accessions but there are some counting the cost. I don't belong to the church yet but when I get old enough I think I will. My papa and mamma belong to the Brethren church. I will close for this time.

Jan. 28. TELFORD KEIM.

From Louisville, Ohio.

I will try to write for the EVANGELIST, as I have not written since we have a new editor. I suppose you will print my letter for my brother Melvin said you was a nice fellow. I have two brothers and one sister. My brother Melvin is attending Ashland College. We were all glad to have him come home during the holidays. He likes the school and place very much. My brother Clinton is four years old. He can read pretty well in the first reader. I am ten years old. I go to school—have not missed a day this winter. I will answer George Haven's question. Jesus made his home in Capernaum after leaving Nazereth. Matt. 4: 13. I will also answer Clemma Henrick's question. Jesus is called the Word in St. John's gospel, first chapter. I will close by asking a question: Was Jesus baptized, and who baptized him?

Your friend,

Jan. 27. ZILPHA ELLEN SUMMERS.

From Homer, O.

DEAR EDITOR: This is my first attempt to write for the children's page. I am a little boy nine years old. I live with my uncle and aunt. They belong to the Brethren church. We have protracted meeting. The pastor's name is Henry Jacobs. They have a good meeting. When I grow older I will give my heart to Jesus and become a member of the Brethren church. I go to school. My teacher's name is Effie Myers. We like her very much. I will close for this time.

Good-bye,

Jan. 13. LEROY MCCOY.

From Montour, Iowa.

DEAR EDITOR: I will write another letter. I go to school but I did not go to-day because it snowed. I am in the second reader and in the spelling and number class. We have three months of school. I will close hoping to see many letters.

Good-bye.

Jan. 11. MYRTIE STRONG.

From North Georgetown, O.

I will write a few lines for the children's column. I am sick and can not go to school. Papa went to church this evening. Bro. Kimmel is holding a revival here. They put a baptistry in the church yesterday. I am sorry that mamma and my little brother and I cannot attend church, but we have the sore throat. The attendance is large and the sermons good. We feel very lonesome without our church paper this week. I must close; good-bye.

Jan. 11. MAUD WHITELEATHER.

Missionary News.

MISSION WORK.

At a regular meeting of the Ohio Home Mission Board, on June 20, 1894, it was decided that I should hold a revival meeting for the Mt. Carmal church, Mercer County, Ohio. On the 23rd of December I commenced meeting at that place. The church was considerably discouraged. They had no preaching since early last spring. They had employed a man to preach for them and the Mission Board had promised to help them financially. All would have gone well if the man had done what he agreed to do. He quit coming without giving notice of his intentions, or without giving any excuse.

Not having any shepherd, some of the flock were captured by the wolf. I preached a little over two weeks, then took sick and had to go home. During that time we had to contend with dances, literaries, Christmas trees etc. We had our meetings in the school-house, hence had to give away twice for literaries. But notwithstanding all these disadvantages, the interest of the meeting kept on getting better. We had good congregations every night when the weather was at all fair. Could we have kept on we believe a good work might have been done. I believe a strong church could be built up in that neighborhood if the proper efforts were put forth. Six came forward during these meetings. Three young men were baptized, and three young ladies recaptured from the destroying wolf, and restored to the church.

The question is sometimes asked "What has become of the Ohio Home Mission Board?" The answer is: "It is here, ready to do all it can with the means intrusted to its care. Every dollar paid out by it is done with care and economy." But now might not the question be asked with equal propriety: "What has become of the Ohio churches?" Now brethren I do not want to say anything that will cast reflections on any one. You have been appealed to through the EVANGELIST for your share of the Mission fund, and you have not given it any attention. I will wait a little while yet, then if I don't hear from some of you, I will give an account as to who has any money in the treasury. There are quite a number of churches who have not paid a single dollar all last year, and still more who have not this year. You would be astonished to see the account, and unless something is done you shall see it.

WM. KIEFER, Sec.

If we have faith, others will see it.